

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/052,123

Examiner

Gregory R. Del Cotto

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 14-16 renumbered 1-8.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

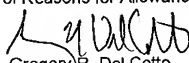
7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the margin according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1 ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2 ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3 ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No. _____
- 4 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- 5 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6 ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____
- 7 ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8 ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9 ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Silverman on December 19, 2003.

The application has been amended as follows:

The Claims:

In claim 1, line 1, delete "for increasing the bleaching action of peroxygen compounds" and insert – for cleaning textiles comprising contacting said textiles with a cleaning composition, said cleaning composition --.

In claim 1, line 2, delete "combining".

In claim 1, line 3, delete "with the peroxygen compounds" and insert – and a peroxygen compound --.

In claim 4, line 1, delete "3" and insert – 1 --.

In claim 5, line 1, delete "3" and insert – 1 --.

In claim 9, line 1, delete "8 wherein the" and insert – 1 wherein the cleaning composition further comprises a --.

In claim 9, line 1, delete "is".

In claim 14, line 1, delete "The cleaning composition as claimed in claim 11, which, in addition to the transition metal complex, comprises from 1% to 10% by weight of a bleach activator" and insert -- The process of claim 9 wherein the cleaning composition contains from 1% to 10% by weight of the bleach activator --.

In claim 15, line 1, delete "The cleaning composition as claimed in claim 11, which, in addition to the transition metal complex, comprises from 2% to 6% by weight of a bleach activator" and insert -- The process of claim 9 wherein the cleaning composition contains from 2% to 6% by weight of the bleach activator --.

In claim 16, line 1, delete "cleaning composition of claim 11" and insert -- process of claim 1 --.

Cancel claims 3, 6-8, and 10-13.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Note that, the Examiner's Amendment is sufficient to place the instant claims in condition for allowance.

Of the references of record, the most pertinent is JP 09-132797. '797 teaches a mold dirt cleaning agent constituent characterized by containing a complex of at least one compound chosen from the group which consists of a hydrogen peroxide, a hydrogen-peroxide addition product of an alkali metal carbonate, and fault way acid chloride and the metal and multidentate ligand. See Abstract. However, '797 does not teach a method of cleaning textiles as recited by the instant claims.

None of the references of record, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a method of cleaning textiles using a cleaning a composition containing a transition metal complex having oxime ligands, a peroxygen compound, and the other requisite components of the composition in the specific proportions as recited by the instant claims. Accordingly, since the prior art fails to teach or suggest such a process as recited by the instant claims, the instant claims are deemed allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory R. Del Cotto whose telephone number is (571) 272-1312. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. thru Fri. from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.


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